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PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projected demand and actual production of pulses and oilseeds including mustard during the last two years and also in the current year along with their year-wise import;

(b) the projection of the production and demand of oilseeds and pulses in the country for the coming two years;

(c) whether there is a gap between demand and production of these commodities; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes implemented to boost the production of oilseeds, mustard and pulses to meet the domestic requirement of the country particularly in Orissa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Planning Commission has fixed the production targets of pulses and oilseeds including mustard during the last 2 years and also in the current year. The details of production targets of these crops along with actual production and import is given in the enclosed annexure.

(b): As per the National Agriculture Policy, the production targets for oilseeds and pulses have been fixed on the basis of growth rate for the coming two years in the country which are as under :

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Target for Oilseeds	Target for Pulses
2003-04	247.00	148.00
2004-05	262.00	153.00

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): In order to meet the domestic requirement of oilseeds/edible oils including mustard and pulses in the country including Orissa, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Oilseeds ProductionProgramme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) are under implementation in the country. Under both these schemes financial assistance is provided to the farmers for production and distribution of seeds, distribution of minikits, rhyzobium culture/PSB, gypsum/pyrite, improved farmimplements, sprinkler sets etc. besides this for transfer of improved production technology, frontline demonstrations by ICAR and block demonstrations by State Department of Agriculture are organized. In addition, Govt. also fixes the Minimum Support Prices for major oilseeds and pulse crops and market support is provided through National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED).

Annexure

Production target of pulses and oilseeds during the last 2 years and also in the current year along with actual production and import of pulses and edible oils

Quantity in Lakh tonnes

Year	Pulses

	Target as per Projected Demand	Actual Production	Import of Pulses
2000-01	150.00	110.75	3.49
2001-02	150.00	131.90	21.77
2002-03	160.00	118.10	16.81

(Adv. Estimates) (April, 2002 to Jan,2003)

Year	oilseeds Target as per Projected Demand	Actual Production	Import of Edible Oils
2000-01	270.00	184.37	41.77
2001-02	280.00	204.61	42.14
2002-03	270.00	155.70	36.17

(Adv. Estimates) (April, 2002 to Jan,2003)